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LEONARD LESLIE GAMBIE

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Mr. BERMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 1757]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1757), for the relief of Leonard Leslie Gambie, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Line 8, delete the word "case.", and insert in lieu thereof the following:

> case: *Provided,* That a suitable and proper bond or undertaking, approved by the Attorney General be deposited as prescribed by section 213 of the said Act. *Provided further,* That a visa is issued on behalf of Mrs. Christine Ballard Denton in compliance with the Act.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to grant immediate relative status to Mr. Leonard Leslie Gambie. The bill would also provide that Mr. Gambie accompany his niece upon issuance of a visa and requires the posting of a bond.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary is a 66-year-old native and citizen of England and related to a United States citizen serving in the Armed Forces. Cpt. Denton's wife has resided with her uncle, the beneficiary, for 30 years and has cared for him since the death of her parents in 1976. She does not want to abandon him for emigration to the United States. The beneficiary has a pension of $611 per month and Cpt. and Mrs. Denton have pledged their support of him.

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On November 25, 1985, the Department of State submitted a report on this bill which reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, DC, November 25, 1985.

Hon. PETER W. RODINO,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In reference to your request for a report concerning the case of Leonard Leslie Gambie, beneficiary of H.R. 1757, 99th Congress, there is enclosed a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been submitted by the United States Embassy at London, England, in whose consular jurisdiction the beneficiary resides.

The bill provides for the beneficiary to be deemed to be an immediate relative within the meaning of section 201(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and waives the requirement of section 204 of the Act relative to the filing of a petition on behalf of the beneficiary.

With best wishes,
Sincerely,

WILLIAM L. BALL III,
Assistant Secretary,
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE U.S. EMBASSY AT LONDON, ENGLAND CONCERNING H.R. 1757—FOR THE RELIEF OF LEONARD LESLIE GAMBIE

The beneficiary, Leonard Leslie Gambie, was born in London on January 3, 1920 and resides at Greenbrier, Main St., Old Weston, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, England. He is single, and has never been married. Mr. Gambie left school at the age of fourteen to work in an engineering firm performing general labor. At the age of eighteen he began work with the Press Association, 85 Fleet St., London, where he worked as a news librarian until his retirement in 1985. He currently receives a retirement pension from the Press Association.

The beneficiary's only surviving family consists of his niece, Mrs. Christine Ballard Denton, the daughter of his deceased sister, his niece's husband, U.S. Air Force Capt. John Denton, and his infant grand-niece. The beneficiary and his niece have never been separated from the time she was five years old, and they wish to continue to be together when Mrs. Denton's husband is transferred to the United States.

On October 6, 1982 the Embassy at London issued Mr. Gambie an indefinite validity B-2 tourist visa which he used once for a brief visit to the United States.

The results of local police and other clearance checks were all negative. A medical examination conducted by

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the Embassy panel physician has revealed Class B hypertension.

Mr. McKinney, the author of the bill, provided the following statement in support of this legislation:

STATEMENT OF HONORABLE STEWART MC KINNEY

Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees, and International Law, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify on H.R. 1757, a private relief bill on behalf of Mr. Leonard Leslie Gambie. While I realize that the private bill is an extraordinary remedy to be used only in extreme cases, I believe this case clearly warrants such special consideration.

Captain John Frederick Denton, an Instructor Pilot in Reconnaissance F4's with the United States Air Force, requested that I introduce this bill. The purpose of the legislation is to allow Mr. Leonard Gambie, Mrs. Denton's uncle, to accompany the Captain and his wife to the United States when the Captain returns from his current tour of duty in Europe.

In May of 1984, Captain Denton married a British citizen. The Dentons want to permanently settle in the United States, and Captain Denton already has filed the I-130 petition to classify his wife as a permanent resident of the United States.

Mrs. Denton, however, does not want to leave without Mr. Gambie, who is her uncle and her only living relative. Mr. Gambie, who is 65 years old, has no living relatives aside from Mrs. Denton. Mrs. Denton has been extremely kind in caring for her uncle, and he regards her as his own daughter. Mrs. Denton has always cooked and cleaned for Mr. Gambie and has provided for his every need. Although Mrs. Denton wants to come to the United States to live with her husband, she refuses to leave Mr. Gambie alone in England without a home and family.

Since he loves his career in the Air Force, Captain Denton does not want to leave his job. However, unless Mr. Gambie is permitted to come to the United States, Captain Denton will be forced to seek civilian employment in England in order to keep the family together.

Captain Denton has been very cooperative in providing the necessary documents to demonstrate that Mr. Gambie has ample financial resources, which include a monthly income of $611.86 from his two pensions, as well as extra money in savings. Captain Denton also has signed an affidavit stating that he will post a bond to overcome any public charges or financial debts which may be incurred by Mr. Gambie. A full medical report also has been provided which indicates that Mr. Gambie is in good health.

Since the normal immigration procedures cannot resolve this problem, the only avenue available to alleviate extreme hardship to an American citizen is through the pas-

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sage of a private relief bill. The fact that Captain Denton is a dedicated member of our armed forces also should give the case particular merit.

Captain Denton was scheduled to return to the U.S. last August, but he and his wife requested to remain in Europe while the bill was still pending. Mr. Chairman, I urge expeditious consideration of this bill so that Mr. Gambie will be able to accompany the Dentons to the United States as soon as possible.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman

Additional information in support of H.R. 1757 as follows:

AFFIDAVIT

RAF ALCONBURY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ENGLAND

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared John Frederick Denton, known to me to be a member of the United States Air Force and being by me first duly sworn stated upon his oath as follows:

That I am a member of the United States Air Force presently stationed at Royal Air Force Alconbury, Cambridgeshire, England. My permanent address in the United States is 178 Driftwood Lane, Trumbull, Connecticut 06611.

That I will accept full financial, medical and legal responsibility for Leonard Leslie Gambie, who will be residing with my wife and I whenever we permanently return to the United States.

That I will post any Bond to overcome any public charges incurred by Leonard Leslie Gambie. I will accept any other financial debts that may be incurred by Leonard Leslie Gambie. I will also accept any medical costs Leonard Leslie Gambie may need in case of ill-health.

Further, Affiant sayeth not except to say that he has read the above and foregoing and it is true and correct to witness his hand and seal this 26 day of November 1984.

JOHN FREDERICK DENTON,
Captain, USAF.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of November 1984.

JEFFREY S. LAWSON, *Capt, USAF,*
Judge Advocate, 563-88-5332.
Santa Monica, CA.

OLD WESTON HUNTINGDON,
Cambridgeshie, England, February 26, 1985.

Hon. STUART B. MCKINNEY,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MCKINNEY: Captain Denton has shown me your very kind letter of the 8th February, and first off I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the trouble you are taking over my case. Needless to say, it is very much appreciated by us all.

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The reasons that I wish to accompany Capt. Denton and my niece Christine to America are as follows:

I have lived with Christine for well over 30 years now, and look upon her as my daughter, especially since the death of both her parents in the 70's. I have never had the fortune to be married and have no other family living now, apart from Christine—and frankly, I cannot imagine life without her! I retired from work last January as I have now reached 65, and having no friends or relatives, my whole life revolves around Christine and her husband Fred. Christine also looks after me in every way—caring for my clothes, cooking etc. especially now that my blood pressure is found to be very high and I try not to exert myself too much. As I have never had to fend for myself, even in the every day running of the house, I honestly wouldn't know how to look after myself too well I don't reckon!

Apart from a few months when Christine went to live abroad on an extended holiday I have never been alone. However, that few months without anybody showed me that life on my own would be unbearable for me; as I have no outside interest or hobbys at all. All my days are spent inside the house or walking Christine's dog. During the months that she was away I ended up under the doctor for anti-depressants and felt very low indeed. That was when I at least had my job to keep me occupied during the day—now I would have nothing.

Because of me, Christine and Capt. Denton are not returning to the States in October when they could be. Instead, they have asked to be stationed in Germany in order to give this application more time. They know how deeply this would affect me if they were not able to take me with them, and I am more than grateful to them for their kindness. However, I am Christine's only living relative she says she will not leave me come what may, so this then puts a very big burden upon me, as I know how desperately they want to return to the States. Especially Fred of course, who's career and family lies there.

Should I be allowed to emigrate to America, I would automatically continue to receive my State Pension.

Per month my income in Dollars is as under:

Say that £1=$1.20

State Pension	$189.55
Firm's Pension	320.31
Interest from Savings Account	102.00
Per month income	611.86

I also have Savings amounting to $14,400.

As I do not smoke or gamble (I like the odd drink), this money is far more than enough for me to live on, and most of it remains in my savings account for Christine and Fred. I also have never learnt to drive a car, so have no expenses whatsoever apart from a small contribution I make towards food and lodging with Capt. Denton. If I stayed here in the country where there is only 1 bus on a Saturday morning that passes through, I would be stranded without Fred to take me anywhere in the car of course. If they had to leave me I would have to move back into a big town, and housing would be very expensive for me to find.

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I feel that I certainly would not be any sort of burden on American society, as I have more than enough money for my needs which are very small anyway. I would, of course, take out all the necessary insurance against medical expenses etc., but could always return to England for treatment which would be given to me free under our National Health system as I have paid in all my life for this.

I hope that this letter satisfies the people concerned and I look forward to hearing further from you in due course.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD L. GAMBIE.

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION PENSION FUND,
REGISTERED OFFICE,
London, October 25, 1984.

L.L. GAMBIE, Esq.,
Greenbrier, Main Street, Old Weston,
Huntingdon, Cambs. PE 17 5LL.

DEAR MR. GAMBIE: As requested I confirm that with effect from January 4, 1985 a pension will be paid to you, from the Press Association Pension Fund, amounting to £3,637.55 a year together with a lump sum of £11,596.45. The pension will be payable during your lifetime and will be guaranteed for five years.

You will be entitled to the basic state pension for age 65 amounting to £35.80 a week.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

E.C. RHODES, *Secretary.*

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

This legislation does not provide new budget authority and no estimate or comparison has been received from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

OVERSIGHT STATEMENT

The Committee exercises general oversight jurisdiction with respect to all immigration and nationality matters but no specific oversight is contemplated in this instance.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the Committee is of the opinion that H.R. 1757, as amended, should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

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